

Joe Jefferson Dined.
Canton, O., April 11.—Joe Jefferson was the guest of honor at a dinner given by Former Secretary of State and Mrs. Day. Mr. Jefferson filled a engagement at the opera house. When last here he was entertained by President McKinley's brother, Major McKinley being a guest.

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WILLIAM THE WABBLER.

Quite a number of newspapers that have been supporting President McKinley's policies cannot conceal their disgust at his lack of backbone. They realize that it makes no difference what one may think of imperialism as a policy, those who support it and those who do not have learned, the Boston Herald remarks; that the president is "a wabbling and uncertain person, who is of one opinion to-day and another opinion to-morrow." Dr. W. H. Croft, of Washington, addressing a meeting in Meriden, Ct., last Monday evening cleverly hit off this quality of the chief magistrate. He said the president lacked backbone and could not stand unless leaning against somebody—Hanna. "McKinley's mind," he added, "was like a bed—it must be made up for him every time he uses it." So it appears to anybody who attempts to keep track of his variations in opinion. Many people have stopped doing so. The weather predictions are not more changeable and inconsistent. One has to consult the newspapers every morning and then give the best guess he can.

Another leading newspaper of the East which is getting very tired of McKinley's shifts and turns is the New York Evening Post, which four years ago did as good service as any paper in the country in ranging the independent voters on his side. The following is its opinion of McKinley's change of front on the Puerto Rican question.

"The country is now paying the penalty of having for president a man without settled convictions—a man who is capable of deliberately recommending to congress a certain policy as our plain duty, and then within a few weeks using all the power which he possesses to force congressmen to go against that very policy. No spectacle so humiliating and discreditable has ever been presented by an executive of this nation."—New Orleans States.

The report of M. Guenther, United States Consul at Frankfort, will not be reassuring to the hopeful people who looked forward to an end of human bloodshed. "Krupp at present has 41,750 workmen employed in making war materials. Shipyards are building at Kiel, where 9,000 men are already employed, with a certainty that this force will be doubled before long." From other sources we learn that Krupp's heaviest orders are from Russia, whose ruler not long ago promulgated a peace theory for universal peace. And, incidentally, the Russian warship building here is ordered to be ready for sea at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Haldeman, of the Louisville Courier Journal, who opposed Mr. Bryan in 1896, has the following to say about the Dewey candidacy:

"In my opinion the Democratic candidacy is an overnight affair, and I do not believe at this late day the admiral, conspicuous though his naval achievements be, will be able to figure prominently in the race for the presidency. I feel quite sure that the Democrats will not take him up."

"Mr. Bryan is as good as nominated. The party is solidly for him, in my belief, and I look forward with pleasure to supporting him this fall. Mr. Bryan is more than an able politician. He is an honest politician. His hold upon the Democracy of the country is secure, and I do not see how Admiral Dewey or any other man can hope to compete with him for the Democratic nomination."

Whatever people may think of Mr. Bryan's mental endowments they are forced to recognize his wonderful physical endurance. On a recent Friday he delivered five addresses in Washington. At Colfax he addressed an audience of 7,000; at Garfield 2,000; at Throcka he spoke for 40 minutes to 4,000; at Farmington 1,500 people heard him for ten minutes and at Spokane he addressed two audiences of

10,000 each, speaking afternoon and evening in the monster tent of the exposition. He was met at the Spokane depot by 4,000 people and escorted over the principal business streets and through banks of cheering humanity.

Another of the series of Lubersac and Rothschild duels has been fought. This time the seconds of the original duelists went at each other with swords. Now if the seconds of the seconds of the duelists would only challenge each other, the game might be made interesting on the endless chain letter or continuous performance principle.

Congressional opposition to a big standing army as containing a militarist menace to the people is based on a very sound American belief that a Republic is safer, the fewer its bayonets in peace times.

It is natural that the people should be "flocking back to the Democratic standard," as chairman Jones of the Democratic National Committee says. That flag now stands for the Republic against the Empire.

After Firebugs.
Washington, April 11.—Senator Bard from the committee on public lands reported favorably the bill which recently passed the house making it a misdemeanor to set fire to forests on the public domain and in forest reserves.

Rioting Renewed.
Chicago, April 11.—After two days of comparative freedom from strife, there was renewed rioting in the local labor war. At the new Marshall Field building, Adams and Clark streets, as well as at the scene of the excavations for the Western Electric building at Jefferson and West Harrison streets, serious affrays took place, the combatants being union mechanics against nonunion men, who had been put to work to fill the places of discharged trade-unionists. Five workmen, all said to be nonunion artisans, were injured.

Large Order For Horses.
New York, April 11.—A contract to buy 30,000 to 35,000 horses for the British government was about completed in this city. The horses are for cavalry regiments and the artillery service in South Africa, and they will cost several million dollars. This is the largest single order of the kind ever placed in this country.

Plot of Prisoners.
Indianapolis, April 11.—John Martin of Kentucky, a prisoner in the Jeffersonville state prison, was discovered with a revolver. He was placed in solitary confinement and this led to the discovery of a plot among the prisoners to make a break for liberty at the north gate by killing the guard. Martin admitted his part in the affair.

Czech Miners Expelled.
Berlin, April 11.—The expulsion of Czech miners has begun again. More than 100 have been expelled from the Waldenburg coal district. In the Austrian reichsrath the Czech delegates intend to take up these latest cases. patches the Boers were repulsed in the early attacks, but the burghers rushed reinforcements from all directions and renewed the assault. Wepenaar is 66 miles southeast of Bloemfontein.

More Trouble For the British.
Accra, Gold Coast Colony, West Africa, April 11.—Sir Frederick Mitchell Hodgson, governor of the colony sends a dispatch from Kumassie announcing that his efforts to effect a peaceful settlement of the difficulty between the British officials and the Kumassie tribesmen have not succeeded.

Wastage of Horses.
Bloemfontein, Monday, April 9.—Remounts are continually arriving, but competent authorities estimate that the wastage of horses monthly by the British forces in South Africa must be calculated at not less than 5,000.

Fight at Dewet's Camp.
Lorenzo Marques, April 11.—The British casualties in the fight at Dewet's Camp were 100 killed and wounded and 459 captured. The Transvaal volksraad has been summoned to meet in ordinary session on May 10.

Cannoning Heard.
Pretoria, Monday, April 9.—Heavy cannonading is reported at Fourteen Streams. The British are using a naval gun. Lord Methuen is moving in the direction of Hoopstad.

Fighting In Natal.
Durban, April 11.—British naval guns have commenced bombarding the Boer positions between Sundays river and Biggaraberg.

Threatening the Capital.
Bloemfontein, April 9.—(Delayed.)—The enemy is making a desperate attempt to discover a strategic opening. Their numbers are unknown to us, but are anywhere between 3,000 and 8,000. They are moving cautiously.

Attack Upon General Brabant.
Capetown, April 11.—General Brabant and his 2,500 colonial troops at Wepenaar, on the Basutoland frontier, are in fierce battle with three commandos of Boers. The fighting began Sunday. According to British dis-

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From Today's Roundup

And Concentrated for the Evening's Review.

Brief Notes of Liminals Abroad, Visitors Who Are Here, and of the Day's Happenings.

Mrs. W. H. Mosier, of Van Wert, is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Collins, of the Collins block.

M. H. Hughes leaves shortly for New Lexington, O., where he will take charge for the next three months of J. P. Hughes' place. The latter, who died recently, was president of the Ohio Liquor League.

Mr. Dede Meeks and wife and son Dalton, of Buffalo, N. Y., are the guests of Mr. J. D. Jones, of Bellefontaine avenue.

St. Rose school dismissed their sessions this morning, to resume again next Tuesday morning.

Elmer Rhodes, of Wapakoneta, returned this morning, after attending to some business affairs here, and a brief visit with his mother, Mrs. C. Rhodes, of the Wheeler block.

Emerson W. Price has been to Sidney on business.

A. S. Creps and A. Miller attended the meeting of Lima Presbytery at Sidney.

Dr. Johnston's family returned from a pleasant visit with Cincinnati relatives and friends to-day.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Koehnle, of Ada were the guests of Floyd Shaffer, of the French House to-day.

Attorney Albert Zugschwart, of Findlay, is a visitor in the city to-day.

Chris. Englehart and family, of Ewing avenue, are home after a visit in Chicago.

Mrs. M. P. Colt has returned to Lima after an extended visit with friends at her former home in Bluffton, Ind.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bowden, of 600 north Main street, left today for Ft. Wayne, to make that place their future home.

James Poller and son, Elmer, of Van Wert, spent yesterday in Lima.

THE WEATHER.

A Chance for Snow Before Tomorrow Morning.

Special by Associated Press.

Chicago, April 11.—The whole west and southwest, including the states of Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio, are experiencing a series of rain and snow storms, accompanied by temperatures ranging from 15 to 30 degrees below normal.

According to the United States weather bureau the storms are a continuation of the recent cloud bursts that caused the Austin, Texas, disaster, and swollen country streams are reported from all over the west. Several miner washouts have occurred but so far the railroads have experienced no serious trouble. The weather bureau officials says the frost line will extend to-night as far south as the Ohio river at least.

SNAP SHOTS.

Current News Nuggets Gathered From Far and Near.

Commodore William Mayo, 76, U. S. N., retired, is dead.

At Santa Barbara, Cal., Rev. Joseph Homphill committed suicide.

Fifteenth Ohio Republicans renominated Clay Van Vorhis for congress.

American Tinplate company will erect large plant at Martin's Ferry, O.

Queen Victoria has informed the citizens of Dublin of her delight at the reception accorded her.

Mrs. Phoebe Hearst will establish a museum of art and archeology at the University of California.

Fire at Middleport, O., destroyed a cannery factory, livery stable and other structures. Loss \$60,000.

Flouring mill of the R. Tuttle company, Columbia City, Ind., was wrecked by an explosion, two employes being killed.

Hugh Hanna Honored.
New York, April 11.—A special meeting of the chamber of commerce in honor of Hugh M. Hanna was held at the chamber's room. Several addresses were made complimenting Mr. Hanna upon his work at the Indianapolis monetary convention, and Mr. Hanna made a brief speech acknowledging the honor done him.

Wealth to Miners.
Mineral production in the United States this year will reach a value of nearly \$1,000,000,000.

RICHMOND

Was Elected President.

Board of Water Works Trustees Organized To-day.

No Changes Made in the Office of Superintendent of Employees at the Power Station.

This morning at 10 o'clock the new Board of Water Works Trustees met in the superintendents office for the purpose of organizing and discussing matters pertaining to their official jurisdiction. They organized by electing D. C. Richmond, president and W. H. Stephens, vice president. The former is one of the two new Republican members of the board and Mr. Stephens is the Democratic member, who was elected a year ago.

The board sprung a complete surprise on all the candidates for appointment to the office of superintendent, by deciding and announcing that no changes will be in any branch of the department, at least until such time as the new members, Messrs. Richmond and Morris shall have become thoroughly acquainted with the workings of the present efficient force.

The condition of the Lost Creek reservoir was discussed at some length and an effort will be made to improve the condition of the supply it receives. A thorough investigation of the sources of supply will be made and there is a possibility that some prosecutions of persons who have been guilty of draining salt water and crude oil into the Lost Creek reservoir will be made.

Superintendent J. O. Stout was instructed to report to the board all unpaid water bills of long standing.

THE SOUTH SIDE.

Notes of Interest Gathered Across the River.

A small blaze at 1054 Rease avenue called the department out last evening but the fire was extinguished before the boys arrived. There was no particular loss. Hiram Colvin owns the place and it is occupied by P. O. Sherrick.

Miss Cloe Kent who was injured in a runaway last week is improving; she is at her home six miles south of town. Amos Keller is moving from Dayton back to Lima and will locate somewhere in our midst.

Grant Stephens, of 641 south Main street, is quite sick with pneumonia.

Reubin White, the south Central avenue lime dealer has closed out his business.

The last work was done on the south side church of Christ yesterday.

Mrs. G. W. Wright, of Buckland, is visiting her mother Mrs. Eliza Pifer, of 221 west Vine street.

The South Lima Oil Co., will meet at Billy Pifers office tonight to arrange to shoot a well.

J. Riselman, of south Pine, is seriously sick with la grippe.

Rev. Smith is home from a visit with Sidney friends.

Rev. W. H. Leatherman is visiting his father at Versailles, Ohio.

Mrs. Leora Evans Crumrine is at home again after a pleasant visit with relatives in Gomer.

Miss Bessie Johnston, of Elida, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Isaac Ridenour, of south Pine street.

Mrs. Eliza McConnell, of Oaklahoma, is at the Lake Erie house. She came back to Ohio to settle up an estate.

Mrs. B. E. Crumrine, who has been in the hospital for some time, is slightly improved.

J. B. Lomison is suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Dr. W. S. Beam received word from his wife, who is quite sick in Muncie, that she was slightly improved.

O. T. Owens is in Cincinnati on business.

Judge Lowery returned from Marysville today, at which place he had been attending a congressional convention.

W. E. Arnold, of the Pittsburgh cash store, is visiting friends in Columbus Grove.

Elm Miller left for Michigan yesterday for an extended visit.



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Rather than consider abnormally low prices to use as "baits" to attract trade to this store. Therefore, qualities considered, you will find our prices the cheapest in the end; and, to assure you that your confidence is not misplaced when buying here, we stand ready to refund the purchase price promptly and without argument, for any thing bought here with which you are dissatisfied.

Fancy Suits, sizes 3 to 8, \$1.50 to \$8.00.
Plain Suits, sizes 8 to 16, \$1.50 to \$7.00.
Sailor Blouse Suits, sizes 3 to 10, \$1.25 to \$5.00.
Boys' Long Trousor Suits, sizes 14 to 19, \$2.48 to \$15.00.

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No. 209 E. High St.,
Both 'Phones No. 2

STREET LOUNGER

The recent absorption of the Manhattan Oil Co. by the Standard interests has resulted in the resignations of Superintendent F. W. Holmes, traffic manager J. C. Riley, and chief engineer George Bendixen being tendered, to become effective June 1st. General manager Sprague declined to be interviewed upon the subject today, but it is generally understood that the resignations are occasioned by the extension of the jurisdiction of Standard Oil Co. officials.

Holy week services, will be held at St. Rose Church as follows: High mass will be celebrated on Holy Thursday, good Friday and holy Saturday morning's at 8 o'clock. Stations of the cross Friday evening at 7 o'clock.

Don't pass Wheeler's grocery if you want fresh country butter and eggs. 54-3t

OIL PRODUCTION WANTED.

Will pay spot cash for good oil production, large or small properties. State fullest particulars and lowest price, or no attention will be paid. Address until April 15th, W. A. R., St. Charles Hotel, Toledo; w2t

WANTED.

FOR SALE—A stock of groceries in Lima for sale or will trade for Lima property. Also have a nice property on West Spring street at a bargain. J. E. Warner, room 10, above Times block.

LOST—A little girl's red sleeveless sack. If found, please return to J. E. Warner, room 10, above Times block.

WANTED—Girl for general housework. No washing or ironing. Best of wages paid. Enquire of Mrs. F. M. Allen, 400 West Market.

FOR SALE—LOT—Finest building lot in Lima. The lot is south of the Episcopal church on the west side of Main street. Street paved, sewer and other improvements made to date. Terms cash or acceptable paper. Address or inquire of owner, W. G. Smith, 601 South Elizabeth street, Lima, Ohio. New phone 188. 4-25

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Small family. Good wages. Enquire at once at 450 West Market street. 4-1t

THE BEILLE OF NEW YORK

THURSDAY, APRIL 12.
The International Furor, Geo. W. Lederer's London Casino Co.,

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Seats on sale to-day.

Wall Paper.

The largest line, the best goods, the biggest assortment. Prices—from as low as the lowest, to as high as you wish to go.

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Fine Hyacinths, Tulips, Daffodils no better anywhere. Agaveas, Cinerarias, Palms, Rubber trees and Ferns. Cut Flowers of all kinds. We won't talk over them. You know they are the talk of the whole town, anyway. Always fresh, perfect and reliable. Come and see our display, please.

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CIRCUIT

Judges Are Conferring From the Derrick Fields And Will Probably be Able to Reach Conclusions Friday.

Daisy Baumgardner Wants to be Separated From the Man Who Soon Deserted Her.

The circuit court judges are still engaged in looking into the merits of the cases submitted last week and have not yet announced when they will be ready to report. It is thought they will reach conclusions by tomorrow and be prepared to decide all cases not later than Friday. The one case of particular importance is that of the American National Bank, in which the judges are to decide whether or not the judgment obtained by the stockholders against Messrs. Kalb and Michael shall remain in effect. If error is found the case will come back to the common pleas court for another trial.

CLAIMS ALLOWED.
Judge Miller heard the application of T. D. Bowsher, administrator of the Anderson estate for an allowance of \$4,700 due on claims he held against the estate. The court found the claims to be valid and allowed the full amount alleged to be due.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.
E. A. Bogart, sheriff, to Mary E. Bird, in lot 75 in Downing's addition to West Cairo; \$270.
Isabel Cook and wife to Mary E. Metzger, 63 acres in Anglia township; \$2,200.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.
Jonathan McPherson, aged 51, and Alice Ditzler, aged 44; both of Perry township.

A DESERTED WIFE.
Daisy Baumgardner is the latest applicant for a divorce. She claims in a petition filed by her attorneys, Rideour & Halfill that she has been deserted by her husband, Oliver Baumgardner, and that previous to his leaving her she was subjected to neglect and cruelty. They were married on the 24th of March, 1897, and the defendant, it is claimed, left the family hearthstone in July of the same year.

Constable T. B. Miller assumed the duties of his office yesterday with headquarters at Justice Atmurs' court.

WANTS HIM RELEASED.
Attorney M. J. Sanford made application in probate court today for the release of Frank Simmons, the colored man who was sent to jail a few days ago by Justice Duffield, on account of the accused being unable to pay a fine of \$10 and the court costs accruing in his trial for non support of his wife and child.

Trinity Chapter O. E. S.
There will be a regular meeting of Trinity Chapter No. 15, O. E. S., this evening at Masonic hall at 7:30. Officers and members are urgently requested to be present as there will be work. Visitors are welcome.
ANNA CLIZNE,
Worthy Matron.
JENNIE E. ROUSH,
Secretary.

SPRAYS

King & Aiken Get a Dry Well Near Beaver Dam.

The German Oil Co.'s No. Four on the Herman Trempert Responds to a Shot for a Good One.

The Stoner Oil Co. are rigging up for Stoner No. 10.

Driver No. 1 came in yesterday and shows very light. She is owned by the Ohio.

Linnemann, Shaw and Settlege are bringing in a new well just north of Wapak. At seven feet in the sand she was showing some oil but the gas was so strong that the boys could not work more than half of the time.

Scott Murdoch is home from a trip to the Indian Territory oil region. He says that she has the appearance of an oil country.

Billy Pyle is home from California where he is managing some business for the Los Angeles Oil Co.

King & Aiken finished the Marshall well north of Beaverdam yesterday, and quite a duster she proved to be. The well was in the lead of present production about a mile and puts a black eye on that part of the country.

The Mingo Oil Co. are having trouble with the pipe on Miller No. 2, German township.

The Ohio began Shuler No. 5 today. Their Thayer No. 2 that was reported no good shows for a good well.

Kerr, Spillacy & Jones have their Edgecomb No. 9 in the sand and have a beautiful showing of oil. Earley No. 4 is also in and shows for a good one. Edgecomb No. 10 is started. They also have a rig up for Clay No. 12 and locations made for 13, 14 and 15.

SHIPMENTS AND RUNS.
Runs and shipments up to and including April 9th, 1900:

Runs (Indiana)	45,707.50
Previously reported	45,707.50
Total	91,415.00
Daily average	15,235.83
Shipments (Buckeye)	30,025.12
Previously reported	26,407.21
Total	56,432.33
Daily average	9,405.39

OIL STATEMENT

Of the Buckeye Pipe Line Co. and other lines handling Lima oil.

Acceptances and vouchers	7,500.00 00
Credit balances	4,207.14 37
Total liabilities	11,707.14 37
Gross stocks	13,340.25 74
Receipts and surplus	2,575.28 27
Runs from wells	45,707.50 00
Other receipts	602.80 56
Total receipts	48,945.80 83
Regular deliveries	1,492.48 61
Other deliveries	472.33 14
Total deliveries	1,964.81 75

The German Oil Co. shot its No. 4 on the Herman Trempert farm yesterday afternoon and the result was highly pleasing. It is the best in the lot and promises to be a fine producer.

The No. 1 John Fetter, on the Findlay road, owned by M. J. Sullivan & Co., which was shot a day or two ago is flowing nicely.

Chas. Buehler was in St. Marys today visiting his parents.

Cook, Beeler & Dalzell, will move a string of their tools to Vincennes tomorrow to do some drilling for a home company. Jack Ray and Mat Miller will go along to run the tools.

Roberts & Herold will reach sand in Bird No. 1, in Amanda township today.

The S. S. S. Oil company are rigging up for Bressler No. 5.

James McCormick has succeeded in finding a nice, rich pot in Jay county, Indiana, east and north of former developments, says the Toledo Commercial. He has completed two wells. Mr. C. A. Leper, of Toledo, visited the wells last week and says that one of them, 30 days old, was doing nine feet or 270 barrels, and the other, three days old, was doing 11 feet, or 330 barrels.

Jay County has been noted in the past for just such escapades as the above, but the wells are not gifted with staying qualities, though in this case they have stayed already long enough to make them very profitable producers. It was in this same field that David Kirk, at the head of the McCalmont Oil company, purchased a daily production of 86 tanks, which in one month's time, declined 16 tanks. There are probably other rich spots in the county equal to that into which McCormick tumbled, but the trouble is to find them.

ROBERTS

Case Will be Taken Up. The Brotherhood Will Ask to Have Him Reinstated.

Opinion Among the Boys is That the C. H. & D. Engineer's Punishment Was Too Harsh.

There has been a great deal of controversy among C. H. & D. trainmen concerning what they believe to have been the unwarranted dismissal of engineer Cliff Roberts, on account of the set to between the engineer and brakeman Bodine. They are not trying to disguise the fact that there was an infraction of the rules, but the punishment was extreme and hardly thought consistent with the practice heretofore indulged in by the officials who considered a suspension for thirty or sixty days the best method to adopt under such circumstances.

It is believed that Roberts' head was cut off by the gentleman who sits authorized at the Cincinnati headquarters and that had the division superintendent been left to fix the punishment Roberts would have escaped with a short period of idleness. A member of the brotherhood stated last night that an effort to have both Roberts and Bodine reinstated would be made, and the matter therefore will receive a full investigation.

THE DISPATCHER'S WEDDING.

In keeping with the announcement made in the railroad column a day or two ago, Dispatcher A. R. Dauker, of the C. H. & D., has taken unto himself a wife and will go to housekeeping on his return to Lima at 414 north Elizabeth street. The wedding took place at Bowling Green last night, where the bride, Miss Myrtle B. Bever, resided, and the ceremony was performed in the presence of a number of friends of the contracting parties. An elaborate nuptial feast followed and Mr. and Mrs. Dauker were showered with congratulations and well wishes for a long and happy future.

A bulletin issued by Supt. Floeter this morning announces that, beginning to-day the night telegraph offices at Cairo, Cridersville and Kirkwood will be discontinued.

Engineer Charlie Kline of the C. H. & D., is marked on the absent list. Engineer Osman has his run.

Supt. S. R. Kramer, of the L. E. & W., has removed from west Market street to 127 north Pierce street.

Assistant Superintendent Shoemaker, of the C. H. & D., gave a couple of suspicious characters a chase in the North Lima yards yesterday, who were no doubt out for a raid on the scrap iron piles. They escaped in a buggy. The matter was reported to the police but no arrests were made.

Engineer Stout has taken Charlie Rockhill's run on the C. H. & D. while the latter is enjoying a few days' furlough.

If you want your orders filled promptly, call and see Le Viness & Co., successors to Ingledue & Co. They have both 'phones.

The Racket Store has moved from their old location into the room recently vacated by Beeman's grocery 141 north Main street, next door to the City Book Store. Watch for their special bargain next Saturday. t-w-t-f

HAND OF DEATH

Saddens the Home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Simon.

Brain Fever Causes the Death of Their Son, Robert—Funeral to be held Tomorrow.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Simon at 145 Circular street, was saddened by the hand of death yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, when their little son, Robert A. Simon, died from brain fever, after an illness of six days' duration. The boy was aged 6 years, 4 months and 15 days.

The funeral services will be conducted from the Wayne Street Church of Christ at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery.

Easter Top-Coats!

A top-coat is as necessary to a man's wardrobe as any other article of wearing apparel.

Our styles of top-coats are spic and span. The very newest ideas being shown in our magnificent stock. Take a look at them even if you have no intention of buying.

A swell Oxford Top-Coat, all wool, velvet collar, seams piped with silk, others ask \$15.00 for no better,

OUR PRICE \$10.00.

Very handsome Oxford Mixture Vicuna, beautifully made, silk faced to edge, other stores ask \$18.00 and \$20.00 for their equal

OUR PRICE \$15.00.

Handsome Cover Top-Coats,

\$7.50, \$10.00 and \$12.00.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES.

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REPORT

Of the Hospital Board,

As Submitted to the Council by
Dr. S. B. Hiner.

Most of the Cases During the Year Were
Charity Patients—The Superintendent's Report.

The following report of Dr. S. B. Hiner, as President of the City Hospital Board, and of Supt. Black has been submitted to the city and referred to the new city council for consideration:

LIMA, OHIO, APRIL 9, 1900.
To the City Council of Lima, Ohio:
GENTLEMEN:—Accompanying this I submit the report of the superintendent of the hospital. I desire to call your attention to the fact that the appropriation made by you last year must support the charitable feature of the institution for at least eighteen months.

You will notice that nearly one-third of the inmates were charity cases—while these were not all such as might be classed strictly as county cases, yet extreme care has been taken to avoid any abuse of the noble charity furnished. Some came from that large class that do fairly well in health but when sickness comes and incomes stop they are without the means to insure proper care and attention, and necessarily they become a charge on some one—placing them under favorable conditions insures a more rapid recovery and a return to a self-supporting existence. Some cases have been denied admission under the rule which forbids the admission of contagious diseases and chronic or incurable cases needing mainly the benefits of a comfortable home and not amenable to other treatment than palliation.

It is needless to attempt to detail the invaluable benefits conferred upon this class of people through the assistance given by your honorable body. Without your aid the benefits of the hospital would have to be confined entirely to pay patients, unless private charity freely given in the establishment and equipment of the institution should continue its efforts from year to year.

We trust that you have made yourself sufficiently acquainted with the work and management of the hospital to satisfy you as to the wisdom of your action for the time being and to establish it as a precedent for such further aid from year to year as the trustees in their best judgment may find necessary.

The chief object of the hospital is to serve as an emergency institution for the injured and for those suffering from acute diseases.

Secondly, to furnish a place where surgical cases can have the benefit of such care and nursing as will aid the surgical talent of the city to afford relief to many persons who otherwise would be compelled to seek relief elsewhere.

That the purposes of the institution have been well accomplished during its initial year, can be safely left to the consensus of opinion of those who have been the recipients of its benefits and to the many who have visited it from time to time, watching the results and keeping in touch with the management.

Respectfully,
S. B. HINER,
President.

Superintendent's report for the year, ending March 31, 1900:

Number of patients admitted	157
Male	97
Female	60
Pay	107
Charity	50
Number of days treatment	2,429
Pay	1,667
Charity	572
Discharged	143
Died	4
Remaining	10
Total amount of expenses	\$3,279.15
Total amount of receipts from pay patients	1,570.50
March 1st, 1900, received from city	1,568.00
Deficit	\$1,240.65
On hand	\$1 01

NATIONAL UNION.

Ottawa Council meets tonight at the Donze hall, south Main street. Applicants who have been favorably acted upon by the medical director, will please be present for initiation.

TORREY KIRK, Sec'y.

"Ponere et prosper." If you take Hood's Sarsaparilla faithfully for wind, salt rheum, boils, eruptions, dyspepsia, it will cure you.

RULINGS

On Revenue Taxation,

Each Renewal of a Promissory Note Requires Stamping.

Collector Waldorf Receives Several Rulings of More Than Passing Importance.

Several important rulings with regard to internal revenue taxation on loans secured by pledges of collateral have been received at the local internal revenue office from the commissioner at Washington. They are as follows:

"Any promissory note, whether given for a call loan or any other indebtedness, and whether payable on demand or on time, requires to be stamped at the rate of 2 cents for each \$100 of face value, or fractional part thereof. Interest accrued, or to accrue on a promissory note, forms no part of the face value of such note in determining the amount of tax to be computed. Each renewal of a promissory note requires stamping at the same rate as an original note, and payment of interest in advance on a matured note is considered to be a renewal of the same.

"Pledges of stocks, bonds, etc., as collateral security for the payment of loans are liable to tax under the provisions of that paragraph of Schedule A of war revenue act of June 13, 1898, headed 'Mortgage of pledge,' at the rate of 25 cents for each \$500, or fractional part thereof in excess of \$1,000.

"If stocks, however, be hypothecated as security for the payment of money simply by the delivery of the certificates to the lender, or deposited as a basis of credit without a mortgage or other written instrument being executed or made, whereby the said stock is pledged to secure the payment of a definite and certain sum of money, no tax is imposed on such transaction.

"These rulings are modified to a certain extent by the amendment of February 28, 1899, to the War Revenue Act, which is in the following language:

"Whenever any bond or note shall be secured by a mortgage or deed of trust, but one stamp shall be required to be placed upon such paper: Provided, that the stamp tax thereon shall be the highest rate required for said instruments or either of them.

"A pledge of stock or other personal property has been ruled to be within the purview of the above amendment, so that when a promissory note or bond is secured by an instrument of pledge, but one tax accrues, and that tax is the highest required on either instrument. Stamps representing this higher tax may be placed on either instrument as parties may elect."

"The Absent Minded Beggar."
During the performance of "The Belle of New York," Thursday night, Mr. W. P. Carleton will sing Kipling's famous war poem, "The Absent Minded Beggar" to the music composed by Sir Arthur Sullivan.

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A place is vacant in our home, which never can be filled. A certain voice we deeply loved, lies now in peace and is stilled. We kindly thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness during the illness and death of our beloved daughter and sister, Daisy Wiley, also for the flowers given by Mr. Creps' Sabbath school class.

MR. AND MRS. T. J. WILEY AND FAMILY.

Attention!

These persons desirous of becoming members of the new military company to be organized in this city, will meet at the Armory on Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock for examination. Don't forget the date and hour. 2-3f

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Half interest in livery business. Everything first-class and up-to-date. Good paying business established. Will be sold at a bargain if sold at once. JOHN H. PHILLIPS, 209 1/2 south Main street.

LIBERAL

Is New Mayor's Policy.

Wants Lima to be a "Good" Town Under His Reign.

Gave the Police Their Instructions at Roll Call Last Evening—Promises Changes.

Mayor McComb has defined the policy of his administration by declaring in substance that he wants to give the people a "good" town during his term of office, and at the same time, he says, he intends to keep the saloons, and all other public resorts within the bounds of reason. He will let the sporting element out on parole and trust them to not violate the liberal rules of parole.

When the police appeared at the station at roll call at 6:30 o'clock last evening the new mayor was on hand and gave them a few minutes talk, defining their duties as he will expect them to perform them. They are to keep themselves neat in appearance and must not stand on the street corners and smoke. When they find a drunken man they must not look him up unless he is looking for trouble. If he has a good-natured jag he must be taken home and not to the city prison. In addition to this the policemen must allow other people to do all of the drinking.

Mr. McComb informed the officers that it was quite probable that all could hold their jobs until the first of June. At that time he promises some changes will be made, but not say how many and did not say which ones of the officers should be on the lookout for other employment.

Le Viness & Co., successors to Ingledue & Co., have live rabbits to sell, and plenty of Butter and Eggs.

THE WEATHER.

Ohio—Rain or snow tonight, clearing Thursday.

EIGHTY PEOPLE

With the Belle of New York Company.

New York has a new actress to talk about and admire in the person of dainty little Tony Claude who plays the part of "Fifi" in "The Belle of New York," which has just returned to the Casino after its two years run London. Miss Claude is about four feet in height and looks like a Dresden, China danseuse. Her talents however, are much greater than her stature and Miss Claude divides the honors with Miss Adele Ritchie who made such a sensation in London, both as a beauty and actress. Among the other well known players in the company who won the English favor are J. F. Sullivan, E. J. Connelly, W. P. Carleton, C. A. Schiller and C. K. Fortescue. "The Belle of New York" has duplicated its London vogue at the Casino and will be brought to this city, Thursday evening, April 12th at the Faurot Opera House.

Le Viness & Co., successors to Ingledue & Co., have Frog Legs, Black Bass and Sunfish.

A QUIET WEDDING.

A quiet wedding took place at Mr. Conrad Hemrod's, Portland, Ind., April 7, 1900. The happy couple were Mr. Charley McDorman and Miss Bertha Hutchins, both of Lima, Ohio. Mrs. Hemrod is the bride's grandmother and the officiating clergyman's wife, Mrs. H. L. Connor, the bride's aunt. The ceremony took place at 5:30 p. m., after which a sumptuous supper was served. Some valuable presents were given. The evening was spent in social visit to the enjoyment of all. Sabbath morning all attended quarterly meeting at the U. B. church, and the day was spent to profit. On Monday morning a few calls were made in the city, and the bridal couple took the train for Lima where they will make their future home.

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SIDNEY

Entertained the Delegates to Presbytery in a Cordial Manner.

Rev. W. G. Smith, of Lima, Chosen to Represent the District at the Next Meeting of General Assembly.

The ministers, elders and visitors who attended the two day's session of the Lima Presbytery held at Sidney, Monday and Tuesday were tendered a warm reception by the good people of that city and the meetings which were held at the First Presbyterian church were largely attended and productive of good results. The session was opened by Rev. J. K. Argo, the moderator, and Rev. John Todd was chosen to succeed him. Rev. W. G. Smith, pastor of the Main street Presbyterian church in this city, was elected delegate and Rev. R. W. Edwards, of Ottawa, alternate, to the next general assembly. The lay delegate and lay alternate chosen were S. D. Chambers, of Delphos, and S. S. Bacon, of Ottawa.

The young people of the church, tendered the visitors a reception in the evening which was one of the enjoyable features of the session. A splendid program of addresses and music had been arranged and some timely topics received attention.

The Women's Missionary society, a valuable adjunct to the church work, also held its meeting in Sidney and transacted business of importance.

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